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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Our Ref: 038713.52491US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: **ARTIFICIAL JOINT PARTICULARLY SUITABLE FOR
USE AS AN ENDOPROSTHESIS FOR A HUMAN KNEE JOINT**


Enclosed are:

1. Application Data Sheet.
2. Specification, including 5 claims (8 pages).
3. 1 Sheet of Formal Drawings showing Fig. 1.
4. Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 and cited references (5).
5. Certified copy of Priority Document 102 31 538.8 filed in Fed. Rep. of Germany on July 10, 2002, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
6. Applicant hereby claims Small Entity Status.
7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee				\$375/750 =	\$375.00
Total Claims	<u>5</u>	- 20 =	0	x \$ 9/18 =	\$
Independent Claims	<u>1</u>	- 3 =	0	x \$42/84 =	\$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$140/280 =	\$
Total Filing Fee					<u>\$375.00</u>

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Respectfully submitted,


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